



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2004

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem, and finding a solution depends upon the involvement of people within the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,800 children are reported abused and neglected in this state each year; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the county social service agencies, public and private schools, the medical communities, religious and civic organizations, the legislative bodies of the state, law enforcement, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens share the responsibility of raising the awareness of and preventing child abuse, and supporting families in their efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of North Dakota's children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2004, **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State